

The Palmetto FAMILY



A Message from Your President

Barbara McIntyre, MA, LMFT, LPC

Here we are with spring upon us. We have launched the web site, held a board retreat and made our annual sojourn to Washington, D.C. for the AAMFT Leadership Conference. The cherry blossoms were doing their best to bloom in spite of the cool, rainy weather. I am a veteran of these conferences and have somewhat of a “do I have to go” attitude while preparing. However, this year’s was a new format, refreshing, informative, and in short, it was the best I’ve attended. The problems and pleasures of being an AAMFT member were explored in detail in a question and answer format that allowed a lot of interaction by the attendees. We are bringing home a lot of fresh ideas to share with all. After four years I found that a lot of the issues remained the same. However, there are many new thoughts and actions being taken that were exciting to hear about.

We were well received on “the hill” with more staffers showing an interest in seeing us included in present and future legislature than in the past. The awareness of the current mental health needs of the military, the aging, and the families of each were acknowledged at every appointment.

The national office has totally revamped its web site making it much easier for clients to use and learn about us. Students are better able to learn education and licensure requirements by state, find accredited program information, find supervisors in their area and find jobs through job search. Education opportunities and legislative updates that affect us as well as many other services are available in the members’ only section. It navigates easily and is connected to our state site by links that are user friendly. Our new state site was raved about in the program on web site building and usages. Kudos to all who worked so hard on it as well. A lot of work has been done by a lot of people to bring us into the 21st century technically, and I encourage all to check out both sites and thank them as well.

With all this great news, I am sad to say we did also hear a serious message. Our general membership is stagnant or even decreasing in many states. The research shows those states with increasing membership have implemented a grass roots effort to promote the association to other MFT’s, who have lapsed or never joined after graduation, to students and interns just getting started, and to older members who have ceased to maintain their membership. We are starting a campaign to contact all of the above and get things going and growing again in South Carolina. We need help from everyone to do this; phone callers, school program visitors, greeters at meetings, anything you can do to promote your professional association. Please Email me, our membership chair Kelly Bruckner, or our administrative executive Marie Queen if you have any time to spare for this cause. We really do need your help!

We have a fabulous conference planned for you this spring. Again we need your help to make it successful. We bring you top quality conferences while trying to keep costs down. If we don’t get good attendance we have to sacrifice on quality or raise our prices or our dues. We wish not to do either in these economic times so ask you... beg you... get registered, bring a friend, bring your mother even. Look forward to seeing everyone at Spoleto. Happy Spring.

Barbara McIntyre, Pres. SCAMFT

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**June 5-7, 2009
are dates for the
SCAMFT Conference
in Charleston.**

Space is still available.

From A Newcomer's Perspective:



*Left to right:
Sallie Campbell,
Todd Hanson, Jan
McMeekin, and
Barbara McIntyre
represent SCAMFT
on Capitol Hill.*

AAMFT Leadership Conference and SCAMFT Leaders Visits on Capitol Hill

*By Jan McMeekin, D. Min.
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President Elect*

At the AAMFT Leadership Conference, the theme focused on challenges facing our state associations and the Marriage and Family Therapy field. National trends are impacting SCAMFT that require our attention and immediate action to ensure they do not adversely affect our profession. We are being threatened by other mental health groups that are attempting to make MFTs a subspecialty group. This means that MFTs could be absorbed by other mental health groups and our licenses could potentially be lost.

Another threat to MFTs is occurring in Texas. The Texas Association of Marriage and Family Therapists is currently in litigation with the Texas Medical Association (TMA). The TMA is arguing that MFTs should not be allowed to diagnose and that diagnoses should only be within the scope of medical practice. Be aware that what adversely impacts

one division can negatively impact the rest of the divisions. AAMFT is assisting Texas in this legal battle and is asking all divisions to support the Texas division. AAMFT is accepting donations to offset the cost of the litigation.

Maybe SCAMFT members have been coasting along feeling safe about our practices. After all, we know the value of a Marriage and Family Therapist License. We are the only therapists who are trained to treat both individuals and families. While this is true, we are not passionately recruiting MFTs, we are a graying bunch, attrition is occurring and other mental health groups have larger numbers, lobby more for their professions and are more politically active. SCAMFT is asking its members to help us tackle these concerns and to become part of the solution. AAMFT has shown us the reality of these threats and it is our responsibility to work together with other divisions to maintain the integrity of our profession. Ask yourself these questions, what contributions to our field are we making and what legacy do we want to leave future MFTs?

It was a privilege to be one of the representatives of South Carolina MFTs on Capitol Hill. I was impressed by the ground work AAMFT has paved, especially Brian Rasmussen, Government Affairs Manager, who keeps the divisions abreast of the legislative issues. He had been having dialogue with Todd Hanson, SCAMFT Legislative Chairman, prior to our visit and helped us prepare for our meetings with the South

Carolina legislators. We met with seven of our State legislators to request support and co-sponsorship on the following important bills: Medicare coverage inclusion of Marriage and Family Therapists as mental health providers, and inclusion of Marriage and Family Therapists as mental health providers in the services under "No Child Left Behind". This bill includes Family Therapists on the list of professionals recognized to provide public school mental health services under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

In Congressman Joe Wilson's office, we had the opportunity to address the difficulties MFTs are experiencing in being hired on military bases due to the classification system. We also shared the concerns of SCAMFT members who experienced discrimination in being considered for mental health positions at the Veterans Administration. We found our legislators to be supportive of our initiatives and we will be following through with them to keep our causes in the forefront. As Michael Bowers, Executive Director of AAMFT jokingly said, "compared to the issues that our country and legislators are facing we are a gnat on an elephant". However, I have faith that working together with vigor and diligence our cause will be noticed. Marriage and Family Therapy is needed in America today, and together we will lay a stronger foundation for future Marriage and Family Therapists.

AAMFT Board Service

By Sallie Campbell, LISW-CP/AP, LMFT/S, DCSW, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

Clinical Member and Supervisor, AAMFT



Barbara McIntyre, SCAMFT President, asked that I write about my experience on the AAMFT Board of Directors. I would have to say that the experience of Board service has been a rewarding and it is my honor to represent MFTs from across the country. Currently, all states are licensed except Montana and West Virginia.

Barbara McIntyre, Todd Hanson, Janice McMeekin and I recently attended the March AAMFT Leadership Conference in Alexandria, Virginia. The Board met two days before the Conference convened. The board invited all attendees over to the National AAMFT office Friday evening for a drop in and tours of the office. This event was well attended.

Last year the Board reviewed the strategic plan, and by our summer board meeting, we realized more information was needed, so in January 2009 a Design Conference was held in Alexandria, Virginia to define the strategic process for the development of a new strategic plan to ensure viability in the future. The Board is holding an Issues Conference July, 2009, where 85 to 90 people will gather to discuss the challenges and threats facing our profession. Participants are limited due to budget constraints. This diverse group includes the Board, Staff, Committee members (ethics, judicial), some program directors, some state and division leaders, and candidates elected to run for office. I will attend this meeting and in October 2009, in Sacramento, the Board will give feedback from this gathering. The information gained will help us in developing our strategic plan.

As other organizations, AAMFT has faced some economic challenges. The AAMFT Institutes were not economically profitable, so we have moved to one per year. AAMFT surveyed participants of the institutes over the last ten years to determine interest and they were in favor of keeping the Winter/Spring Institute, and not the Summer Institute. With this change there will be one less opportunity for supervisors to complete the supervisor refresher course for MFTs.

The Board uses a knowledge-based governance described in Glenn H. Tecker, Jean S. Frankel, and Paul D. Meyer's book *The Will to Govern Well: Knowledge, Trust, & Nimbleness*. The authors outline a governance system that includes:

- the ability to make decisions based on knowledge rather than opinion
- the need to create a culture of trust for staff and volunteers, with common agreement on what will define success, and
- a nimble infrastructure, with work and decision-making systems that can respond efficiently and effectively to the increasingly complex marketplace represented by the association.

AAMFT has also developed a Private Payer Newsletter, Private Pay Technology News, that you can find on line and is also preparing a Legislative Newsletter to keep members informed. AAMFT staff is actively working on the ability to do social networking. This technology will streamline our work in the future.

Tecker, Glenn H., Frankel, Jean S., & Meyer, Paul D. (2002). *The Will to Govern Well: Knowledge, Trust, & Nimbleness*, American Society of Association Executives, Washington, D.C. www.asaenet.org/bookstore

Gray Matters: Are We an Endangered Species?

By Jim Rentz, DMin

I would like to make a motion that we place MFTs in the state of South Carolina on the "Endangered Species" list! There is a steady flow of MFT graduates in our state, but the number of LMFTs and Clinical Members in the AAMFT is steadily declining. I have to wonder, is something just not right in our profession?

We are finding that graduates from our MFT programs are encountering a "double whammy" when it comes to being able to take the MFT examination within a reasonable proximity of their graduation. Those taking the LPC route have a smoother and more time-efficient ride.

For example, in South Carolina and most other states, the LPC exam is available on a monthly basis and test takers find out the day they take the exam whether or not they passed. The MFT exam, however, is available three times a year during one month "windows." The windows are generally mid-September to mid-October, mid-January to mid-February, or mid-May to mid-June. Applicants must wait four weeks to find out whether or not they passed. The American Marriage and Family Therapy Regulatory Board (AMFTRB) has a powerful influence over when and how often the examination is given, but they have been somewhat unresponsive when approached by MFT advocates. The AMFTRB emphasizes that their responsibility is to protect the public not the profession. Whereas, I believe they do have a responsibility to protect the public, my opinion as an MFT educator is that they have an equal responsibility to the profession and the professionals aspiring to become LMFTs to remove unnecessary barriers to licensure.

Money is also an issue here. The number of MFTs seeking to take the examination does not produce enough revenue for the testing service to offer it more often. Since our numbers are decreasing, the revenue source is in a downward spiral. To add to this dilemma, the MFT graduate programs are prohibited by the AMFTRB from proctoring the MFT examination near the end of the graduate degree experience to expedite the process, though the graduate schools producing LPCs can. The graduating counselor can, in fact, get licensed months sooner than an MFT

graduate. This feels very unfair to me.

We of the SCAMFT are also falling down on the job. We need to be very aware of our MFT graduate students and graduates, connecting with them early and mentoring them into the MFT profession including licensure and Associate and Clinical Membership in the AAMFT. While it is the responsibility of those of us on the faculty of MFT programs to be active in nudging them toward attaining MFT professional credentials and an active participation in SCAMFT and AAMFT, SCAMFT also needs to be far more active in inviting them into such involvement.

It is my belief that MFTs should not practice in isolation and should actively be involved in their professional organizations including credentialing. It may be that our complacency as an organization and as individual professional MFTs is contributing to our numbers gradually decreasing rather than increasing.

The MFT students and graduates are our future – the life-blood of our profession. I'd like to challenge our membership to take the lead in the process of enhancing their involvement in SCAMFT and AAMFT. Each member needs to be an active advocate, or we may well pay the high price of either watching our profession die or become increasingly irrelevant among the mental health professions, especially in South Carolina.

If you would like to have the name of a MFT graduate student or recent graduate to encourage along the way, please contact me at rntzjimr@aol.com.

Student's Corner: Delta Kappa – The International Marriage and Family Therapy Honor Society

I am excited to report the establishment of the International Marriage and Family Therapy Honor Society, *Delta Kappa*, at Converse College. Delta Kappa wishes to further and complement the outstanding work of The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), as well as our local divisions, such as the South Carolina Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (SCAMFT). Therapists who have

achieved and received distinction in the field of marriage and family therapy and continue to make contributions to its growth are recognized through the Delta Kappa Society.

On December 4, 1998, Delta Kappa installed the Alpha Chapter at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, with its founder, Dr. Charles Lee Cole. The purpose of Delta Kappa is to provide a scholarly forum for the exchange of ideas related to the development of research, theory, and practice in the field of marriage and family therapy. Chapters will hold symposiums, seminars, workshops, and clinics to enhance the development of skills and knowledge related to marriage and family therapy.

Delta Kappa has three primary aims. First, emerging leaders in the field of marriage and family therapy will be trained to assume leadership roles in the profession. The second purpose is to provide a structure for developing scholarly forums that present cutting edge research and theory on marriage and family therapy to practitioners on and ongoing basis at the local, state, regional, national, and international level. The third aim is to recognize and promote achievement of marriage and family therapy clinicians and scholars. (Founders Statement, Dr. Charles Cole).

Membership is open to students in accredited marriage and family therapy programs who have earned at least 12 hours with a 3.5 grade point average, professional marriage and family therapists who have earned Clinical membership in AAMFT and have made significant contributions are also eligible for membership. Membership into Delta Kappa is by invitation and is reserved for marriage and family therapist practitioners, trainers, researchers, and scholars who have made and/or demonstrated high potential to make significant contributions to the field of marriage and family therapy throughout their careers.

For eligibility into the Converse chapter of Delta Kappa, you must be a graduate of the Converse College Educational Specialist or Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy program and have earned a 3.5 GPA, or be a current student who has earned at least 12 hours with a GPA of 3.5. The cost of membership is fifty dollars (\$50.00) annually. If you would like to be considered for induction, please contact Landa Basham at landabasham@aol.com or Dr. Pam Clark at pam.clark@converse.edu.

If you are interested in more information about Delta Kappa, please send an email to

Dr. Pam Clark, Program Director of Marriage and Family Therapy at Converse College and Delta Kappa faculty advisor at pam.clark@converse.edu or call her at 864-577-2084.

Meet your MFT Colleague... David Bethany, LMFT, LPC, MEd

By Marie W. Carter, LMFT, LMFTS

Working in the Marriage and Family Therapy field since 1989, David Bethany has been in private practice since 1993. After about a decade in a different part of town, five years ago he moved his office to Mt. Pleasant in order to be

closer to his home. He spends mornings at the Behavioral Medicine Unit at St. Francis Hospital, where he works with the inpatient population and provides consults for patients with psychological or substance abuse issues. In his private practice, he is not in a group, but rents space in an office with one other therapist. There he treats a wide range of clients including adolescents, adults and couples and has a therapy group that meets once a week. He occasionally does hypnosis for smoking cessation.

For the first ten or twelve years out of college, David was a full time musician. After the birth of his first child, he had to consider what he wanted to be doing for the next twenty years and looked for local graduate programs. David said, "At the Citadel Tom Mahan walked me to the office and signed me up for the counseling program there before I really knew what was happening in 1987; I graduated in 1989 and was lucky enough to get hired at Navy Family Services a few weeks later. The program at the Citadel at that time had been heavily oriented towards the Systemic Model, and I found the overview it offered highly compelling. It just seemed the natural thing to do to pursue the LMFT license after that."

"The first theorist that really struck me was Murray Bowen. The multi-generational perspective he suggested made intuitive sense



to me. I liked how it offered a way of placing clients in a context beyond their here-and-now situation that helped explain the choices they made and some of the patterns in their relationships," said David. He was struck by the implications for the question of whether people make choices based on free will or based on other hidden determinants.

After that came Jay Haley and the Strategic model which also had a great appeal for David. This led him to Milton Erickson; he went to a lot of trainings on Ericksonian Hypnosis and Ericksonian approaches to therapy. More recently, he attended a psychodynamic study group for a long time, which he found enormously helpful in sharpening and deepening his ability to pay attention to his clients. He was excited to find there a wealth of well-thought-out descriptions of personality development and internal mechanisms that have been helpful with clients who present with complicated or intractable problems.

Along the way, David also has been exposed to the Cognitive-Behavioral, RET and Brief Therapy models. All of these also offer a lot of great insights, and he uses a lot of cognitive-behavioral strategies at certain stages of therapy with my clients. "I worry, however, that these approaches, if used exclusively, can lead to a narrow focus that may not be sufficient to help some clients," says David. "I think it's worth noting that all these models were begun by therapists who had had very different training and wide clinical experience that provided a rich backdrop of associations as they listened to their client's stories. This says to me that we need to be omnivorous in our clinical approach if we want to have a robust ability to understand our clients and help them find their way."

Most often, David finds himself working with people who are faced with a transition of some sort for which they have no way of working their way through...that they have no map for. David treated a couple in their mid-fifties, with the last of their children about to move away, and with that transition looming a lot of chickens had come home to roost. They had led mostly parallel lives for the last decade or so, with the growing distance between them masked by the demands of raising their kids. By this point, one had realized that they no longer felt much of a connection to their spouse, and weren't sure they wanted the marriage. Their work involved acknowledging what had happened, hurts that had been inflicted, and rediscovering what they had loved about each other to begin with. In the

process, both had to confront unresolved issues from early in the marriage. Fortunately, both were motivated and willing to reconsider entrenched beliefs; they eventually found the beginnings of their new, more satisfying post-children relationship.

David says his next professional MFT goal is to become quicker, smarter, and more empathetic with clients.

SCAMFT Needs You: Call for Nominations

At the end of 2009, several major leadership positions within SCAMFT will transfer to new leaders. What is required of someone who steps up to a leadership position within SCAMFT?

There are two, face-to-face meetings annually requiring no more than six hours, and there are some programs where your participation is welcome. However, your main goal is to reach out to other MFTs and mental health counselors to promote the organization and build a valuable network. SCAMFT encourages you to connect with one of the Nominating Committee members to discuss involvement further. The members are John Evans (jdevans@sc.rr.com), Jan McMeekin (janice.mcmeekin@palmettohealth.org), Russell Haber (rhaber@gwm.sc.edu), and Ti Smith (lqsmith@yahoo.com). You may also contact Marie Queen at the SCAMFT Office (scamft@queencommunicationsllc.com).

President-Elect

Responsibilities Include:

- The President Elect shall serve as conference director for all SCAMFT conferences
- Consulting with the President on all major matters of policy, which arise between Board meetings.
- Writing President Elect Report for the Palmetto Family Newsletter.
- Assist President in covering for Legislative and Professional meetings.

Regional Representative Midlands

Responsibilities Include:

- To act as liaison between regional members, the Board, and the Officers by reporting membership concerns at Board meetings.
- To foster the regional membership, student/associate and affiliate members

by hosting a social once per year and/or coordinating existing meetings to interface.

- To market existing SCAMFT programs in designated regions by increasing teleconference attendance, discussion, and programs.
- To assist membership committee by answering and/or directing local prospective members to membership committee and promoting membership in each region.

Secretary/Child and Family Advocacy

Responsibilities Include:

- Responsible for the records of all business meetings of SCAMFT and all meetings of the Board.
- Direct the distribution of minutes and reports as authorized by these Bylaws and by the Board.
- Attends and reviews all minutes at all Executive Board, Board, and Conference meetings which are officially called.
- Keep the minutes, with attached reports, up to date and accessible to members who request copies of either the minutes or reports made at an official meeting.

Treasurer-Elect

Responsibilities Include:

- The Treasurer-Elect shall function as a member of the Finance Committee.
- The Treasurer-Elect shall also handle the financial responsibilities involved in organizing SCAMFT conferences.

Student Rep/Midlands

Responsibilities Include:

- To act as a liaison between the student/associate members of SCAMFT and the Board of Directors of SCAMFT.
- To represent the interest and needs of the student and associate members by soliciting input from them regarding supervision and licensing issues. To solicit from associate members about their needs.
- Organize events such as receptions at conferences to increase student and associate interest in the Association.
- Serves on the Membership Committee to coordinate efforts in bringing in student-associate members.

Student Rep/Upstate

Responsibilities Include:

- To act as a liaison between the student/associate members of SCAMFT and the

- Board of Directors of SCAMFT.
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- Organize events such as receptions at conferences to increase student and associate interest in the Association.
- Serves on the Membership Committee to coordinate efforts in bringing in student-associate members.

Member-At-Large (2 Positions Available)

Responsibilities Include:

The Member-At-Large will function as a liaison between the board, election committee, and the general membership regarding interests and concerns of which the board may not be aware.

SCAMFT 2009 June Conference Information

Pathways to Change: Collaborative Strengths-Based Brief Family Therapy With Difficult Adolescents. Friday, 2-5 pm and Saturday, 8:45 am to 5:15 pm Featuring Matthew Selekmán, MSW, LCSW

Program Description:

Adolescents presenting with chronic and severe difficulties with explosive and violent, delinquent, oppositional, heavy substance abuse, self-harming, and school disruptive behaviors can be a nightmare to manage for school professionals and even the most seasoned of therapists. Often, these adolescents' families are characterized by destructive family interactions, inconsistent parental involvement and limit-setting, unresolved loss issues, and extensive treatment histories. The adolescents' difficulties may be further exacerbated by the involved helping professionals' from larger systems unproductive attempted solutions. This can lead to the development of family-helping system knots, which contributes to treatment impasse.

In this "hands-on" practice-oriented workshop, participants will learn a collaborative competency-based family therapy approach that capitalizes on the strengths and resources of the adolescent, family members, key members of the adolescent's and family's social network, and involved helping professionals from larger systems to rapidly co-construct solutions. A special emphasis in this workshop will be placed on the therapist's creative use of self and inventiveness.

Objectives:

1. Co-create a therapeutic climate ripe for change in the very first family therapy session
2. Use therapeutic questions that tap client expertise, elicit untold family stories, and to establish well-formulated treatment goals
3. Select and tailor-fit therapeutic experiments with clients' treatment goals
4. Engage challenging and resistant adolescents
5. Co-construct change with key resource people from adolescents' social networks and with involved larger systems professionals

Bringing My Practice Into the 21st Century Through the Use of the Internet Friday, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Featuring E. Joe Holt, Ph.D., LPC, LSPC

Project Objective: Leave the session with the knowledge of how to develop a website for your practice. Become familiar with the tools you will need to successfully market your practice over the internet.

This session will discuss the different tools you will need to develop a practice website that will help you to market and increase your business.

AAMFTJ Supervision Refresher Course Sunday, 9:00am - 3:00pm Featuring Joshua M. Gold, PhD, NCC

Goals:

This presentation will introduce participants to the consideration of religion and spirituality as relevant cultural variables in the process of family therapy and supervision. It will address the relevance of this topic within the context of 21st century definitions of multiculturalism, explore the confusions regarding the differing terms and offer differing rationales and examples of the implicit role religion and spirituality play in therapist awareness plus attention to the efficacy of differing spiritual and religious interventions for possible use in counseling service. The presentation will also speak to the process of practicing "spiritually-sensitive" supervision.

Objectives:

1. Identify the current relevance of these topics from the perspective of multicultural influences on family therapy plus client expectations;
2. Classify differences and similarities in term definitions;
3. Explore different themes of therapist self-awareness around these topics; and
4. Evaluate different interventions to address religion and spirituality within both clinical service and supervision.
5. Understand the practice of "spiritually-sensitive" supervision.
6. Contemplate ethical and legal issues that arise in clinical supervision and supervision mentoring.

7. Explore the use of supervision contracts (development & content) around issues of client & supervisee religion & spirituality.
8. Become aware of current standards for becoming an Approved Supervisor, with emphasis on the role of the Approved Supervisor mentor.

Content:

Based on the presenter's recent book (*Counseling & Spirituality: Integrating spiritual and clinical orientations*, 2009, by Merrill Prentice-Hall), this presentation will speak to the emerging interest in religion and spirituality within clinical service and supervision. Specifically, the presentation will identify the current relevance of these topics from the perspective of multicultural influences on marriage and family therapy plus client expectations, identify differences and similarities in term definitions, explore different themes of therapist self-awareness around these topics and evaluate different interventions to address religion and spirituality within both counseling and supervision.

About the Presenters:

Matthew D. Selekmán, MSW, LCSW, is a couple and family therapist and addictions counselor in private practice and the co-director of Partners for Collaborative Solutions (www.partners4change.net), an international family therapy training and consulting firm in Evanston, Illinois. He is an Approved Supervisor with the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Matthew received the Walter S. Rosenberry Award in 2006, 2000, and in 1999 from the Children's Hospital in Denver, Colorado for having made significant contributions to the fields of psychiatry and the behavioral sciences. Matthew is the author of numerous family therapy articles and five professional books: *The Adolescent and Young Adult Self-Harming Treatment Manual: A Collaborative Strengths-Based Brief Therapy Approach*, *Working with Self-Harming Adolescents: A Collaborative Strengths-Based Therapy Approach*; *Pathways to Change: Brief Therapy with Difficult Adolescents (Second Edition)*, *Solution-Focused Therapy with Children: Harnessing Family Strengths for Systemic Change*, and *Family Therapy Approaches with Adolescent Substance Abusers*. He has presented workshops on his collaborative strengths-based brief family therapy approach with challenging children, adolescents, and adults extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, South America, Europe Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Indonesia.

Joshua Gold, PhD, NCC, holds Clinical Membership and Approved Supervisory status in AAMFT. He has created a graduate course on the topic of spirituality and counseling and completed a recent text on this topic.

Registration:

The Conference Registration Desk opens at 12 noon on June 5th. All SCAMFT/AAMFT members receive a discount. Full-time students also receive a discount. Lunch on Friday is on your own. Saturday's Networking and Business Luncheon begins at noon and ends at 1:30 pm. SCAMFT's Spring Business Meeting is scheduled during the lunch. Student members also receive a discount. A limited number of scholarships are available for fulltime students enrolled in marriage and family therapy programs. Those interested in applying for scholarships must complete the registration form and submit it to the office with proof of full-time enrollment in marriage and family therapy programs.

Cancellations:

The registration fee, less a \$25 administrative fee, is allowed when notification of cancellation occurs two weeks prior to the workshop date. No refunds will be issued when notification of cancellation occurs after the two-week deadline; however, a substitute may be sent or registration transferred to another SCAMFT seminar held within 12 months. No show—no refund.

Continuing Education:

More than 15 contact hours are available at this conference. SCAMFT-sponsored conferences are approved for LMFT, LPC, social work, and addiction certification hours. For more information, call the SCAMFT office at (803) 540-7520, fax: (803) 254-3773 or e-mail: marie.queen@scamft.org. Conference topics were carefully selected to adhere to ethical codes of SCAMFT, AAMFT and state licensure boards.

Exhibitors/Sponsors:

SCAMFT welcomes exhibitors and sponsors. Exhibitors receive skirted, display table in the conference registration area, recognition at the conference, list of attendees, one complimentary registration to Friday's and Saturday's workshops. Exhibitor fee is \$300 for one or two days. Sponsors receive the same benefits plus one additional conference registration, recognition on the website, and in the conference program. and various additional recognition benefits.

Sponsor fees are \$500. Exhibitor set-up begins at 12 noon on Friday. Exhibitor take down is no later than 5 pm on Saturday. Contact the SCAMFT Office for more information, or visit www.scamft.org.

Location and Accommodations:

This conference is scheduled in Charleston, South Carolina at the Charleston Marriott Hotel, 170 Lockwood Boulevard. This resort is holding a block of sleeping rooms for SCAMFT at a discounted rate of \$139.00 per night. Reservations will be accepted at the group rate until May 6, 2009. Please contact Group Reservations at 843-723-3000 and state you are with South Carolina Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Reserve your room early. Hotel rates increase during Spoleto.

Registration Fees:

Postmarked after May 5, 2009

(Prices shown for AAMFT members/nonmembers/students; all fees are per person)

- Friday Preconference Only (\$75/\$100/\$75)
- Friday Afternoon Conference Only (\$85/\$115/\$85)
- Saturday only (\$195/\$215/\$115)
- Saturday Lunch (\$0/\$20/\$25)
- Friday and Saturday (\$225/\$265/\$150)
- Sunday Supervision Workshop (\$95/\$125/\$95)
- Exhibitor Fee (\$300)
- Sponsor Fee (\$500)

Visit our website at www.scamft.org for conference schedule information.



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